

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please amend the title from "CONTROL OF THE DEGRADATION OF BIODEGRADABLE IMPLANTS USING A COATING" to

--BIODEGRADABLE COATED IMPLANT WITH CONTROLLED DEGRADATION--

On Page 8, Lines 31-34, Paragraph [0032], please amend the paragraph to read as follows:

--Figures 2a, 2b, 3a, and 3b ~~4, and 5~~ show - each in strongly schematic form - a section along the longitudinal axis L of the stent 10, in each case only one of the two sections through the peripheral wall 16 resulting in this case. However, the basic principles in implementing the coating will first be discussed briefly.--

On Page 11, Lines 20-24, Paragraph [0049], please amend the paragraph to read as follows:

--The above-mentioned examples of Figures 2a, 2b, ~~and 3a, and 3b~~ 4, and 5 only represent strongly schematic exemplary embodiments of the present invention. They may be combined with one another in manifold ways. Thus, for example, designing a complex coating which comprises multiple materials in individual sections is conceivable. The primary goal is always optimizing the local degradation of the implant in this case.--

The amendments to the specification can be found in the enclosed "Marked-up Version of the Specification" and include the addition of the section headers and formatting preferred by the USPTO.